

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER
AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS-
FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2021

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Honorable President and
Members of the Board of Education
Borough of Newfield School District
County of Gloucester
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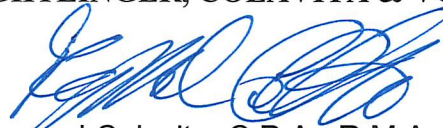
We have audited, in accordance with generally accepted audit standards and **Government Auditing Standards** issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Board of Education of the Borough of Newfield School District in the County of Gloucester for the year ended June 30, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated January 28, 2022.

As part of our audit, we performed procedures required by the District of Administration and Finance, New Jersey Department of Education, and the findings and results thereof are disclosed on the following pages, as listed in the accompanying table of contents.

This report is issued in conjunction with the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the Board of Education of the Borough of Newfield School District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 and is intended for the information of the School District's management and the New Jersey Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Respectfully submitted,

NIGHTLINGER, COLAVITA & VOLPA, P.A.



Raymond Colavita, C.P.A., R.M.A.
Licensed Public School Accountant
No. 915
January 28, 2022

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and Treasurer of School Monies, the activities of the Board of Education, and the records of the various funds under the auspices of the Board of Education.

Administrative Practices and Procedures

Insurance

Fire insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on Exhibit J-20, Insurance Schedule, contained in the district's **CAFR**

Official's Bonds (N.J.S.A. 18A:17-26, 18A:17-32, 18A:13-13)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Henry Bermann	School Board Administrator	\$ 132,000
Dawn Ramos	School Board Secretary	132,000
Terri Oliveri	Treasurer of School Monies	150,000

Tuition Charges

There were no tuition billings to other districts during the year.

District Internal Control Policies

District boards of education and administration are responsible for developing internal controls policies and procedures and maintaining a strong internal control environment. NJAC 6A:23A-6.4 requires that the district's internal control policies include specific requirements at NJAC 6A:23A-6.5 through 6.13.

All Internal Control Policies were found in accordance with NJAC 6A:23A-6.5 through 6.13.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

An examination of claims paid during the period under audit did not indicate any discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification or supporting documentation.

Payroll Account

Payroll is not maintained by the district. The treasurer function is handled through a professional service contract.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Cont'd)

Obligations of Federal Grant Awards and Requests for Reimbursement of Expenditures Against Those Federal Grants Awards

No exceptions noted.

Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with **N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.2(f)** as part of our test of transactions of randomly selected expenditure items. We also reviewed the coding of all expenditures included in our compliance and single audit testing procedures. In addition to randomly selecting a test sample, our sample selection specifically targeted administrative coding classifications to determine overall reliability and compliance with **N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-8.3**. As a result of the procedures performed, no errors were noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

A. General Classification Findings - None

B. Administrative Classification Findings - None

Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30, 2021 for goods not yet received or services not yet rendered, and it was determined that no blanket purchase orders were included in the balance of the reserves for encumbrances. Also, unpaid purchase orders included in the balance of accounts payable were reviewed for propriety and to determine that goods were received and services were rendered as of June 30, 2021.

Board Secretary's Records

The financial records, books of accounts maintained by the Secretary were in satisfactory condition.

Acknowledgment of the Board's receipt of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly financial reports was included in the minutes.

Monthly financial certificates of the Board Secretary and Board of Education for positive line item account status certifications (**N.J.A.C. 6:2-2.13**) were performed. Budgetary line item account transfers were approved monthly to cover any anticipated deficits.

The appropriate record of budget transfers was maintained and approval from the County Superintendent appeared to be requested for transfers, where cumulatively in excess of 10% of the advertised amount as defined in **N.J.A.C. 6A:23-211(f)**.

Purchase orders were charged to the appropriate line-item accounts in accordance with the State prescribed **Uniform Minimum Chart of Accounts (2R2) for New Jersey Public School**.

The general fixed asset records were updated for the additions, disposals and depreciation of general fixed assets made during the year.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Cont'd)

Treasurer's Records

The Treasurer prepared cash reconciliations for the general operating account, payroll account and payroll agency account per **N.J.S.A.18A:17-9**.

All cash receipts were promptly deposited. (**N.J.S.A.18A:17-34, 18A:17-9.1**)

The Treasurer's records were in agreement with the records of the Board Secretary.

The Treasurer filed her reports in a timely manner.

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The District's special projects were approved as listed on Schedule A and Schedule B located in the **CAFR**.

Our audit of the federal and state funds, on a test basis, indicated that obligations and expenditures were incurred during the fiscal year or project period for which the project was approved.

The financial exhibits are contained within the Special Revenue Section of the **CAFR**. This section of the **CAFR** documents the financial position pertaining to the aforementioned special projects.

The study of compliance for special projects indicated no areas of noncompliance.

Finding 2021-1

As a result of implementing a new accounting software package, several adjustments were required to be identified and recorded during the audit process, which delayed the processing of various year-end reports.

Recommendation

Procedures to maintain and complete the annual closeout process need to be reviewed and revised, in order to process the reports necessary to provide year-end financial statements on a more timely basis.

School Purchasing Programs

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq. (Public School Contracts Law), the associated rules and related information on the statute, and school contracts in general are available on the website: http://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dlgs/programs/ps_contracts.html.

Current statute is posted on the New Jersey Legislature (<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/>) website.

School Purchasing Programs (Cont'd)

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (Cont'd)

The bid thresholds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 and 18A:18A-3(a) are \$44,000 (with a Qualified Purchasing Agent) and \$32,000 (without a Qualified Purchasing Agent), respectively. The law regulating bidding for public school student transportation contracts under N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 is currently \$19,600 for 2020-2021.

The District Board of Education has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed the statutory thresholds within the fiscal year. Where question arises as to whether any contract or agreement might result in violation of the statute, the Solicitor's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

Inasmuch as the system of records did not provide for an accumulation of payments for categories for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, the results of such an accumulation could not reasonably be ascertained. Disbursements were reviewed, however, to determine whether any clear-cut violations existed.

Based on the results of our examination, we did not note any individual payments, contracts, or agreements made for the performance of any work or goods or services, in excess of the statutory thresholds where there had been no advertising for bids in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4, amended.

Resolutions were adopted authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services" per **N.J.S.A.** 18A:18A-5.

The system of records did not provide for an accumulation of purchases for which the school board used contracts entered into by the State Department of Purchase and Property pursuant to Ch. 114, P.L. 1977; therefore, the extent of such purchases could not reasonably be ascertained. Our examination did not reveal any exceptions with regard to purchases from vendors approved for state contract.

The review of contracts and agreements did not disclose any areas of statutory noncompliance.

Although a particular contract is exempt from the formal requirements of public advertising and competitive bidding, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-37 requires that quotations be obtained, whenever practical, for any contract less than the bid threshold but 15% or more of that amount, except for contracts for professional services. All contracts and agreements, which are subject to quotations, shall be awarded on the basis of the lowest responsible quotation received, which is most advantageous to the Board of Education, price and other factors considered.

Internal Service Funds

The Internal Service Fund was closed out as of the prior year and the remaining cash representing the balance of the prior year interfund payable was turned over to the General Fund during the current year, as reflected on Schedule B-6 in the June 30, 2021 CAFR.

Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 15, 2020 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private schools for the handicapped, low-income and bilingual. As the District was non-operating during the 2020-2021 school year, an ASSA Report was filed with all students listed in the sent column. This information is derived from the sending/receiving districts communicating to confirm student information. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified.

The District maintained workpapers on the prescribed state forms or their equivalent.

The District's written procedures appeared to be adequate for the recording of student enrollment data.

Pupil Transportation

Our audit procedures included a test of on roll status reported in the 2020-2021 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS). The information that was included on the DRTRS was verified to the DRTRS Eligibility Summary Report without exception. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments. There were a number of students listed under the incorrect school location within the district. A recalculation was performed resulting in no change in the average mileage.

Our procedures also included a review of transportation related contracts and purchases. Based on our review, the district complied with proper bidding procedures and award of contracts. The bid specifications for the purchase of buses were in compliance with applicable statutes. No exceptions were noted in our review of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

Facilities and Capital Assets

Our procedures included a review to identify the existence of any SDA grant agreements for consistency with recording SDA revenue, transfer of local funds from the general fund or from the capital reserve account, and awarding of contracts for eligible facilities construction. No SDA projects were noted.

COVID – 19 EMERGENCY

In accordance with the Governor's Declaration of Emergency pertaining to the COVID 19 Virus all Public, Charter, Non-Public schools were ordered to close effective as of March 18, 2020 for an undetermined period to limit the spread of the virus. As a result, School Food Authorities (SFA) were required to institute alternate procedures to provide meals to Free and Reduced Price eligible students during the period of school closures.

Therefore, SFAs were authorized to solicit and award emergency noncompetitive procurements and contracts with Food Service Management Companies in accordance with 2 CFR 200.320 and N.J.S.A.18A:18A-7. The SFAs were also authorized to submit contract modifications to their existing Cost Reimbursable or Fixed Price contracts as necessary to ensure the feeding of Free and Reduced Price meal eligible students.

COVID – 19 EMERGENCY (Cont'd)

SFAs were notified of the requirement to maintain and report separate meal count records and financial records of all applicable costs incurred in providing meals to all free and reduced price meal eligible students during the emergency.

We also inquired of management about the emergency COVID-19 procedures/practices that the SFA instituted to provide meals to eligible students, maintenance of all applicable production records; meal counts; noncompetitive procurements; modification of existing contracts and applicable financial records to document the specific costs applicable to the emergency operations. The District is a non-operating district and accordingly does not directly provide meals to students.

Testing for Lead of all Drinking Water in Educational Facilities

The school district adhered to all the requirements of NJAC 26-1.2 and 12.4 related to the testing for lead of all drinking water in educational facilities.

The test results were posted on the district's website as well as being available at the school facility.

Follow-up on Prior Years' Findings

A review was performed on the prior year recommendations and corrective action was taken on all prior year findings, with the exception of the following:

Finding 2020-1

As a result of implementing a new accounting software package, several adjustments were required to be identified and recorded during the audit process, which delayed the processing of various year-end reports.

Acknowledgment

We received the complete cooperation of all the officials of the school district, and we greatly appreciate the courtesies extended to the members of the audit team.

Respectfully submitted,

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Licensed Public School Accountant No. 915

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

**NEWFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
APPLICATION OR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2020**

	<u>2021-2022 APP. FOR STATE SCH. AID</u>						<u>SAMPLE FOR VERIFICATION</u>						<u>PRIVATE SCHOOLS FOR DISABLED</u>			
	Reported On		Reported On		Errors		Sample		Verified per		Errors per		Reported On			
	A.S.S.A.		Workpapers				Selected From		Registers		Registers		A.S.S.A. as			
	On Roll		On Roll		Workpapers		On Roll		On Roll		Private					
Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Schools	Sample for Verification	Sample Verified	Sample Errors	
Half Day Preschool																
Full Day Preschool																
Half Day Kindergarten																
Full Day Kindergarten																
One																
Two																
Three																
Four																
Five																
Six																
Seven																
Eight																
Nine																
Ten																
Eleven																
Twelve																
Post-Graduate																
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)																
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)																
Subtotal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Sp Ed - Elementary																
Sp Ed - Middle School																
Sp Ed - High School																
Subtotal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Co. Voc.-Regular																
Co. Voc.-Ft.Post Sec.																
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Percentage Error					0.00%	0.00%										0.00%

Note: Not Applicable, Sending District

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

NEWFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
APPLICATION OR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2020

	<u>Resident LEP NOT Low Income</u>			<u>Sample for Verification</u>		
	<u>Report On A.S.S.A. as NOT Low Income</u>	<u>Report On Workpapers as NOT Low Income</u>	<u>Errors</u>	<u>Sample Selected From Workpapers</u>	<u>Verified to Application and Register</u>	<u>Sample Errors</u>
Half Day Preschool						
Full Day Preschool						
Half Day Kindergarten						
Full Day Kindergarten						
One						
Two						
Three						
Four						
Five						
Six						
Seven						
Eight						
Nine						
Ten						
Eleven						
Twelve						
Post Graduate						
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)						
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)						
Subtotal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Ed - Elementary						
Special Ed - Middle						
Special Ed - High						
Subtotal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Co. Voc. - Regular						
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.						
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0
Percentage Error		<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>	

BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

SECTION 1

A. 4% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2020-21 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR, Ex. C-1	\$ <u>4,527,383</u>	(B)
Increased by:		
Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund	_____	(B1a)
Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund	_____	(B1b)
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Regular	_____	(B1c)
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Inclusion	_____	(B1d)
Decreased by:		
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	_____	(B2a)
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	_____	(B2b)
 Adjusted 2020-21 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1s)-(B2s)]	 <u>4,527,383</u>	 (B3)
 4% of Adjusted 2020-21 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .04]	 <u>181,095</u>	 (B4)
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	<u>250,000</u>	(B5)
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment*	<u>1,160</u>	(K)
 Maximum Unassigned/Undesignated-Unreserved Fund Balance[(B5)+(K)]		 \$ <u>251,160</u> (M)

SECTION 2

Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6-30-21 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1)	\$ <u>350,155</u>	(C)
Decreased by:		
Year-end Encumbrances	_____	(C1)
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	_____	(C2)
Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures**	<u>81,004</u>	(C3)
Other Restricted Fund Balances****	<u>3,255</u>	(C4)
Assigned Fund balance Unreserved - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	<u>160,616</u>	(C5)
 Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]		 \$ <u>95,280</u> (U1)

SECTION 3

Section 1 Restricted Fund Balance- Excess Surplus*** [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0-	\$ _____	(E)
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Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2021

Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures**	81,004	(C3)
Reserved Excess Surplus ***[(E)]	_____	(E)
 Total Excess Surplus [(C3) + (E)]		 \$ <u>81,004</u> (D)

BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

Footnotes:

- * Allowable adjustment to expenditures on line K must be detailed as follows. This adjustment line (as detailed below) is to be utilized when applicable for:
 - (H) Federal Impact Aid. The passage of P.L. 2015, c.46 amended N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-41 to permit a board of education to appropriate federal impact aid funds to establish or supplement a federal impact aid legal reserve in the general fund. Accordingly, the Federal Impact Aid adjustment to expenditures is limited to the portion of Federal Impact Aid Section 8002 and Section 8003 received during the fiscal year and recognized as revenue on the General Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule, but not transferred to the Federal Impact Aid Reserve-General (8002 or 8003) by board resolution during June 1 to June 30 of the fiscal year under audit. Amounts transferred to the reserve are captured on line (C4);
 - (I) Sale & Lease-Back (Refer to the Audit Program Section II, Chapter 10);
 - (J1) Extraordinary Aid;
 - (J2) Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid;
 - (J3) Recognized current year School Bus Advertising Revenue; and
 - (J4) Family Crisis Transportation Aid.

Notes to auditor: Refer to the Audit Program Section II, Chapter 10 for restrictions on the inclusion of Extraordinary Aid, Family Crisis Transportation Aid, and Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid.

Detail of Allowable Adjustments

Impact Aid	\$ _____	(H)
Sale & Lease-Back	_____	(I)
Extraordinary Aid	_____	(J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	_____	(J2)
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized	1,160	(J3)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid	_____	(J4)
Total Adjustments [(H) + (I) + (J1) + (J2) + (J3) + (J4)]	\$ 1,160	(K)

- ** This amount represents the June 30, 2021 Excess Surplus (C3 above) and must be included in the Audit Summary Worksheet Line **90031**.
- *** Amounts must agree to the June 30, 2021 CAFR and must agree to Audit Summary Worksheet Line **90030**.
- *** Amount for Other Reserved Fund Balances must be detailed for each source. Use in the excess surplus calculation of any legal reserve that is not state mandated or that is not legally imposed by another type of government, such as the judicial branch of government, must have Departmental approval. District requests should be submitted to the Division of Administration and Finance prior to September 30.

Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance

Statutory restrictions:		
Approved unspent separate proposal	\$ _____	
Sale/lease-back reserve	_____	
Capital reserve	_____	
Maintenance reserve	3,255	
Emergency Reserve	_____	
Tuition reserve	_____	
School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset Reserve - Current Year	_____	
School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset Reserve - Prior Year	_____	
Impact Aid General Fund Reserve (Sections 8007 and 8008)	_____	
Impact Aid General Fund Reserve (Sections 8002 and 8003)	_____	
Other state/government mandated reserve	_____	
Reserve for Unemployment Fund	_____	
[Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above] ****	_____	
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	\$ 3,255	(C4)

SIGNATURE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACCOUNTANT - No. 915

AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD

Recommendations:

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures - None
2. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Finding 2021-1

Recommendation

Procedures to maintain and complete the annual closeout process need to be reviewed and revised, in order to process the reports necessary to provide year-end financial statements on a more timely basis.

3. School Purchasing Programs - None
4. Internal Service Fund - None
5. School Food Service - None
6. Student Body Activities - None
7. Application for State School Aid - None
8. Charter School Enrollment System (CHE) (Applicable to audits of charter schools) - None
9. Pupil Transportation – None
10. Facilities and Capital Assets - None
11. Miscellaneous – None
12. Status of Prior Year Audit Findings/Recommendations

A review was performed on the prior year recommendations and corrective action was taken on all prior year findings, with the exception of the following:

Finding 2020-1

Recommendation

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